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Aubrey,

The names and histories are as follows.

Amy Rody, age 68
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Amy is my aunt, by marriage. She grew up in Libby and moved away in 1951.
Amy's four brothers were all diagnosed with asbestosis. All but one have
died. One from lung cancer, two from heart attacks.

Amy was diagnosed with asbestosis app. 12 years ago. Her exposure history
is a mystery. Her brothers worked briefly for the Zonolite Co. at various
times, but never when she was living at home. Her father brought home raw
ore and spread it on the yard and garden.

Reg Rody age 82

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Reg is my mother's older brother. Reg was diagnosed app. two years ago in Texas after a bout of pneumonia.

Reg lived in the Libby area from 1946-1976. He owned a ranch at the head end of Bobtail Road, app. 6 miles from Libby. His exposure is also a mystery. Reg worked for J.Neils Lumber Co. and St. Regis in the shop. In 1948, Reg insulated his home with Zonolite and had the house demolished in 1958 after building a new home on the property. The only other exposure was driving across the Kootenai River bridge daily to go to work.

Reg's wife, Joyce is being tested for a respiratory condition. The doctor's in Texas felt that she had emphysema, but since the story has come out, she is going to be tested for asbestosis. They have two grown children who need to be tested also.

If you want to contact David Moles at 173 Brighton, LoLo MT. 59847. Phone # (406)273-0694

David is a friend of mine. His brother Matt died a year ago from (sp) esophageal cancer. Matt was in his late 40's or early 50's. His father described the cancer as "tumors entrapping the lungs and heart." Just this spring, David's father, Cy, died quickly of lung cancer. (three weeks from diagnosis to death) When talking to David about this, he stated that the doctor's mentioned something about tumors in his esophagus. The only history is one other son, Clarence, who worked for WRG for a few years. Clarence is alive and living in Seattle. The family has lived in Libby since the 1940's. Cy was a logger, Matt did various jobs, bartending, cooking.

Today, I was just briefed on the Garrison family history. It's really bad. If you want the history in detail, you can call: Ida Templin at (406)295-4183. Ida and her husband Jack are both diagnosed. She is a sister and sister-in-law to the Garrison clan and can give you the family history.

Milo Bengston has been diagnosed some time ago. His history includes living at Elkhorn Terrace, 1965-1985. Elkhorn Terrace is located directly upriver from the loading facility at Raintree Nursery. Milo also was a building contractor before coming to the area and installed Zonolite insulation. Milo's wife, Faye has congestive heart failure [asbestosis, Libby style] and is in ill health. You can get more information about the Bengston family by contacting their daughter, Sandy Dedrick at (406)293-3752.

When you or anyone contacts the above people, use my name. That way, the victims will speak up more freely. With everything happening at once, people tend to be cautious.

I met with the hospital board today. I suggested that we could reach a large group of high risk individuals by sending out a newsletter in their class reunion information. There are class reunions going on all summer here in Libby. Dr. Black said that these people could be given precedence in scheduling appointments. Think it will work out if we can get the

funding. I also was given the names of some of the workers in Elko. We need to get an informational packet out to them. The workers in Elko are isolated and haven't access to major newspapers or reports.

See you when you get back to Libby.

Gayla

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